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## **PRESS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today that a federal grand jury has returned an Indictment against attorney Salvatore Piemonte of Camillus, New York. The Indictment charges that Piemonte aided, abetted and counseled the commission of a conspiracy involving other individuals to possess with the intent to distribute and distribute marihuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2(a).

Piemonte made an initial appearance this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge David E. Peebles in Syracuse and was released on conditions set by the court. If convicted, Piemonte faces a possible term of incarceration up to five years and a \$250,000 fine.

The investigation which led to this Indictment was conducted by the Central New York Drug Enforcement Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Carla Freedman and Miro Lovric.

An Indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.